(ii) Temporary accommodation and other infrastructure are to be made available by the State Government free of cost till the Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti constructs its own buildings at the permanent site.

(iii) Only one Vidyalaya is opened in each district.

Improvement of vocational education

3832. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Punjab have submitted various projects/ schemes, duly formulated as per requirement and instructions of the Government of India, to Central Government for quality improvement of Vocational Education in the State for approval and release of funds;

(b) if so, the details of the projects and whether they have since been approved and funds sanctioned; and

(c) the total amount released during the same period, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) to (c) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education at + 2 level, a total amount of Rs. 2452.13 lakhs has been released to the State Government of Punjab upto 2001-02 since the inception of the scheme in 1987-88. The proposal for Central assistance under the scheme received from the State Government during 2002-03 could not be considered in view of the unspent balance available with the State Government. Detailed clarification in this regard sought from the State Government is still awaited.

Under the Career Oriented Programme of UGC, 76 proposals were approved out of 142 proposals received from various colleges/Univesities in the State of Punjab during the years 2003-04 to 2005-06. Grants of Rs. 176 lakhs, Rs. 62 lakhs and Rs. 250 lakhs have been released in the years 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 respectively for conducting Vocational Courses/Career Oriented Programmes in various colleges in the State.